

Three Fires In 24 Hours Prompts Warning About Smoke Detectors

East Fork Fire has responded to a third structure fire within 24 hours. We responded to a report of smoke coming from a structure by the neighbor on Sierra Shadows Lane. On the way to the call, a growing column of smoke could be scene. Initial arriving East Fork personnel found moderate smoke conditions coming from the attic. Plans were made for extensive operations due to the size of the structure and lack of a water system on the street. The first engine, Engine 14 with Rescue 14 from County Road was able to make entry into the attic space and begin to extinguish the fire. Engine 7 and Rescue 7 from the Ranchos arrived and assisted. This aggressive attack allowed the fire to stop its growth. Water Tender 8 arrived and supported the initial fire attack.



Workers were in the house at the time of the fire. The cause is still under investigation. For the second time in two days, a turtle was also rescued by East Fork from the fire.



Additional resources were still coming to the incident including water tenders from East Fork and Alpine County, heavy rescue from East Fork and two additional engines from East Fork. We relied heavily upon mutual aid providers to staff the district while we were on the fire that included responding to three medical calls at the same time. Big kudos to Tahoe Douglas Fire, Carson City Fire and Mono County EMS for their assistance with these calls.

It always seems that a change in weather conditions leads to an increase in structure fires for East Fork. We would like to remind everyone to maintain working smoke detectors with fresh batteries after the time change. We saw the smoke detector alert a neighbor to the Redwood Circle fire so we could arrive before it grew.

